

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 12 and 23 to correct antecedent basis so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. Cancelled
2. Cancelled
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9. Cancelled
10. Cancelled
11. Cancelled
12. (currently amended) A limited edition official postal

stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition official postal stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID that identifies said limited ~~indicia~~ edition official postage stamp as being one out of a predetermined number;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

13. Cancelled

14. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 12 wherein said first indicia is visible.

15. Cancelled

16. Cancelled

17. Cancelled

18. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 12 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

19. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 12 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying a printer or a location where said limited edition official postal stamp was printed.

20. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 19 wherein said third indicia is not visible under normal viewing conditions.

21. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 20 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

22. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp according to claim 21 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

23. (currently amended) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamp, each stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition official postal stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID that identifies said limited ~~indicia~~ edition official postage stamp as being one out of a predetermined number;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

24. Cancelled

25. (previously presented) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 23 wherein said first indicia is visible.

26. Cancelled

27. Cancelled

28. Cancelled

29. (previously presented) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 23 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

30. (previously presented) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 23 wherein a third indicia is provided for identifying a printer or a location where said limited edition official postal stamp was printed.

31. (previously presented) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 30 wherein said third indicia is not visible under normal viewing conditions.

32. (previously presented) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 31 wherein said third indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

33. (previously presented) A sheet of limited edition official postal stamps according to claim 32 wherein said third indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when viewed under UV or infrared light.

34. (previously presented) A limited edition official postal stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition official postal stamp as being a limited edition, wherein said first indicia comprises a unique ID;

a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing conditions for confirming that said limited edition official postal stamp is a valid limited edition official postal stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.